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MEXICALI SANITATION, ALL AMERICAN CANAL LINING ON AGENDA FOR JANUARY 26 PUBLIC MEETING

The Colorado River Citizens' Forum (CRCF) of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, January 26 in El Centro, California. The purpose of the CRCF is to promote the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the community about Commission projects and related issues in the area. The meeting is scheduled for 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. PST at the Imperial Irrigation District Board Room, 1285 Broadway in El Centro.

Kirk Dimmitt of the Imperial Irrigation District will give a status update for the All American Canal lining project. The All American Canal conveys Colorado River water to cities and agricultural lands in the Imperial Valley. The project involves lining a 23-mile segment of the canal to reduce seepage and conserve some 70,000 acre-feet of water annually. The presentation will include a history of the project since 1988, details of project activities in 2004, and a summary schedule of the project through completion of construction.

The CRCF will also hear an update on the Mexicali, Mexico sanitation project from Jose Angel of the Colorado River Regional Water Quality Control Board. The project, which includes construction of a wastewater treatment plant and related infrastructure, is expected to improve water quality of the New River, which flows north from Mexicali into the United States.

The Colorado River Citizens' Forum Board is comprised of 12 residents of Yuma County, Arizona and Imperial County, California who represent diverse interests in the region.

The board conducts quarterly public meetings in the area.

A complete meeting agenda appears below. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting can contact the USIBWC's Yuma Projects Office at (928) 782-1598 or Public Affairs Officer Sally Spener at (915) 832-4175 or via e-mail at sallyspener@ibwc.state.gov.

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COLORADO RIVER CITIZENS' FORUM

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

5:00 - 7:00 P.M. PST

**Imperial Irrigation District Board Room
1285 Broadway, El Centro, CA**

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions- Al Goff, Yuma Project Manager, USIBWC
- Status Update for the All American Canal Lining Project - Kirk Dimmitt, Executive Program Manager for the All American Canal Lining Project, Imperial Irrigation District
- Update on Mexicali Sanitation Projects - Jose Angel, Colorado River Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion/Suggested Future Agenda Items

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